is preparing the feasibility report of the link which is scheduled for completion by December, 2005. The realistic cost of the scheme will be known only after completion of the detailed project report (DPR). The Government envisages a comprehensive assessment of the feasibility of linking of the rivers of the country in a fully consultaitive manner. The implementation of these link proposals is dependent upon the comperehensive assessment and the agreements reached amongst the concerned States/ neighbouring countries.

Completion of Irrigation schemes in Tamil Nadu

2240. SHRI C. PERUMAL. Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fast track programme for completion of major and medium irrigation schemes with full Central assistance was introduced in the year 2002; and

(b) if so, the number of schemes in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu out of which how many of them have been completed, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYANA YADAV): (a) and (b) The Fast Track Programme for completion of major & medium irrigation projects under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme was started in February, 2002. 32 major/medium irrigation projects/project components of various States have been included under this programme. No irrigation project of Tamil Nadu has been included under Fast Track Programme. As reported by the State Government, 5 projects/project components included under Fast Track Programme have, so far, been completed.

Master Plan to control flood

2241. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN. Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is any master plan to control flood in major rivers;